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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IN FLORENCE

1. GIUSEPPE MARTELLI-CALVELLI (PROMINENT FLORENCE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT), PRESIDENT FLORENCE PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, CALLED ON ME TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN DEDICATING ANNUAL FLORENCE PHILATELIC EXHIBITION TO AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL.

2. THIS WELL-ATTENDED ANNUAL EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR NOVEMBER 13 AND 14. AMONG EVENTS PLANNED WILL BE SPECIAL FIRST-DAY COVER CANCELLATION UTILIZING BICENTENNIAL LOGO AND FLORENCE CITY EMBLEM. SPONSORS ALSO HOPE HAVE SPECIAL MEDAL STRUCK FOR OCCASION AND HOLD RECEPTION IN HONOR OF EXHIBITORS TO BE CO-SPONSORED BY FLORENCE CHAPTER ITALIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

3. ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT IN OBTAINING REPRESENTATIVE EXHIBIT AMERICAN POSTAGE STAMPS FOR EXHIBITION. EVEN BETTER, IN HIS VIEW, WOULD BE PARTICIPATION APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL U.S. POSTAL SERVICE ALONG WITH EXHIBIT.

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4. I TOLD ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT THAT HIS REQUEST WOULD PROBABLY

BE VERY DIFFICULT TO FULFILL OWING EXPENSE OF TRANSATLANTIC TRAVEL BUT THAT I WOULD TRANSMIT THIS REQUEST TO DEPARTMENT WITH 'POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION'.

5. SUBSEQUENT TO OUR CONVERSATION, CONSULATE RECEIVED CATALOGUE FROM MILAN ANNOUNCING WORLD STAMP EXHIBITION WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN MILAN OCTOBER 14-24. CATALOGUES STATES THAT U.S POSTAL SERVICE WILL BE AMONG THOSE PRESENTING EXHIBIT AT EXHIBITION. ONLY PRIVATE AMERICAN EXHIBITOR LISTED IS BERNARD D. HARMER, INC., NEW YORK CITY. AMERICAN COMMISSIONER FOR EXHIBITION IS LISTED AS DOMENICO FACCI, 248 WEST 14 STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10011. AMERICAN MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL JURY IS LISTED AS ROBERT P. ODENWELLER, BERNARDSVILLE, NEW JERSEY.

6. COMMENT: SPONSORS THIS PROPOSED CELEBRATION ARE INDIVIDUALS WHOM IT IN OUR INTEREST TO SUPPORT. IT MAY BE THAT APPROPRIATE EXHIBIT MAY ALREADY THEN BE IN EUROPE THUS INCREASING AVAILABILITY AND REDUCING COST (E.G. MILAN EXHIBIT NOTED PARA.

5). IN ANY CASE, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITY MEETING THIS REQUEST EITHER THROUGH U.S. POSTAL SERVICE OR APPROPRIATE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION. GORDON

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